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SUBJECT: PRISON HUNGER STRIKE AND TRANSFER OF PRISONERS

REF: SANTIAGO 7911

1. THE VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY'S JUNE 1976 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT INCLUDED FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRISONERS WHO ARE THE SUBJECT OF CONGRESSWOMAN COLLINS' LETTER OF JULY 19. A COPY OF THE REPORT WAS POUCHED TO ARA/BC, AND THE REPORTS THEMSELVES WERE THE SUBJECT OF EMBASSY A-127, POUCHED AUGUST 17, 1976.

2. THE VICARIATE DOCUMENT CONFIRMS IN GENERAL THE NAMES SENT WITH MS. COLLINS' LETTER. SOME NAMES DO NOT CORRESPOND COMPLETELY, AND THE VICARIATE LISTS ADDITIONAL ONES. THE VICARIATE ALSO INCLUDED A LETTER OF JUNE 10 FROM CONCERNED FAMILY MEMBERS TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, WHICH MENTIONS ONE POINT NOT KNOWN TO US BEFORE: THE AFFECTED PRISONERS APPARENTLY HAD BEEN KEPT AND TREATED SEPARATELY UNTIL JUST BEFORE THEIR HUNGER STRIKE, WHEN THEY WERE MOVED IN WITH COMMON CRIMINALS. THEY WERE THUS COMPLAINING AT THE REMOVAL OF WHAT THEY CONSIDERED AN ACQUIRED RIGHT.

3. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS CAUTION IN CREDITING THIS ASSERTION. THE HUNGER STRIKE OCCURRED DURING THE OASGA, AND MIGHT HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

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4. CONGRESSWOMAN COLLINS HAD ASKED WHETHER THE FAMILIES OF  
THE TRANSFERRED PRISONERS WERE INFORMED OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS.  
WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE GOC NOTIFIED THE FAMILIES, BUT  
IF THE VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY LEARNED WHERE THEY WERE SENT  
WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE FAMILIES ALSO FOUND OUT.  
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